

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today U.S. Rep. Charlie Wilson (OH-6) congratulated the cities of Athens, Marietta, and Steubenville, as well as the Mahoning and Meigs counties, for receiving Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants. Announcement of the awards came from Governor Ted Strickland's office. The Governor announced that 28 Ohio projects will receive \$15 million in grant awards funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These awards are part of the total \$25 million allocated to the State of Ohio's program through the Recovery Act. Wilson voted for the Recovery Act, which was signed into law in February, 2009.

According to the Governor's press release, the recipients include:

City of Athens (Energy Efficiency Retrofits) - \$362,000 to replace lighting, motors, HVAC systems, and other equipment at the waste water treatment plant.

City of Marietta (Energy Efficiency Retrofits and Renewable Energy Technologies) - \$461,144 for the installation of many energy efficiency improvements to the Armory Square facility, including a HVAC system, windows and doors, high efficiency lighting, and roofing insulation. In addition, a 21.3 kilowatt solar electric system will provide on-site power and serve as an educational tool for visitors.

City of Steubenville (Traffic Signals and Street Lighting) - \$579,520 to upgrade its 25-year-old city lighting system by replacing 340 street lights and 898 traffic signals with energy efficient LED bulbs. The city estimates annual savings of \$96,847.

Mahoning County (Energy Distribution) - \$2,608,385 to replace the steam boiler system at Oak Hill Renaissance Place with modular, high-efficiency boilers that serve nine designated areas of the facility.

Meigs County (Energy Efficiency Retrofits) - \$260,942 for upgrades to HVAC systems in county buildings that include the installation of condensing water heaters and hydronic boilers.

Congressman Wilson issued the following statement:

“I’m so pleased to see that Recovery money is being used well up and down my district. Projects like these create jobs and make our homes and businesses more energy efficient. Reducing energy costs is a good thing for the budgets that families and communities have to balance every day.”

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